**Doctors and paramedical staff in CGHS dispensaries**

2681. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of doctors and para-medical staff posted at various CGHS, dispensaries under South Zone, Delhi is sufficient to cope with the requirement; and

(b) if not, the details of the shortage, dispensary-wise and in what manner it is proposed to be sorted out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Adequate number of doctors, para-medical staff etc., are posted in the dispensaries including those of South Zone to cater to the needs of patients attending the dispensaries.

**Vacant posts in Delhi**

2682. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of allopathic nurses and ayurvedic and homoeopathic pharmacists lying vacant as on date in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Employment Exchange has sponsored the names of candidates for the posts of allopathic nurses and ayurvedic and homoeopathic pharmacists in the month of May, 2007; and

(c) whether the interview for the said posts have been conducted and if so, the details thereof and the names of candidates selected and posted as on date in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Information relating to number of vacant posts of allopathic nurses, ayurvedic and homeopathic pharmacists in various Hospitals/Dispensaries in Delhi is not being maintained centrally. These posts are filled up by various authorities through a de-centralized process.

**Anaemia in children**

2683. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND AMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent National Family Health Survey has put the rate of anaemia in Indian children as high as 70 per cent; and

(b) whether his Ministry is contemplating any scheme for iron fortification in view of the high rate of malnutrition which is 46 per cent in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes Sir,